The original instrument was prepared by Ashley Menou. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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<u>Present law</u> allows a coroner to review any medical or dental record relevant to an investigation without authorization, subpoena, or court order.

Proposed law retains present law.

SB 81 Reengrossed

<u>Present law</u> provides that no health care provider or custodian of records shall be held civilly or criminally liable for disclosing medical or dental records to a requesting coroner.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows a coroner to obtain blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples relevant to an investigation without authorization, subpoena, or court order. Clarifies that under <u>present law</u>, a coroner is authorized to have access to such records during an investigation.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no health care provider or custodian of records shall be held civilly or criminally liable for releasing a deceased patient's blood, urine, or other biological fluids or samples to a requesting coroner.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 13:3734(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Clarifies that under <u>present law</u>, a coroner is authorized to have access to certain medical records during an investigation.
- 2. Provides immunity from liability for releasing medical information to a requesting coroner and specifies that the biological fluids or samples are from a deceased patient.